# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF MOBILE TOWERS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the capacity of the various existing mobile towers in the country especially in Basirhat sub-division of the North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. To increase the capacity of existing mobile towers, the Government has recently issued Guidelines on Infrastructure Sharing amongst the service providers.BSNL has planned to add 33.5 million lines capacity in the country by upgradation of equipment in existing towers and setting up of new towers in the next one year.The details of GSM Base Transceiver Station (BTS) under Basirshat Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) where the capacity of existing towers shall be augmented are at Annexure.The augmentation in these towers has also been planned to be completed in next one year in a progressive manner.